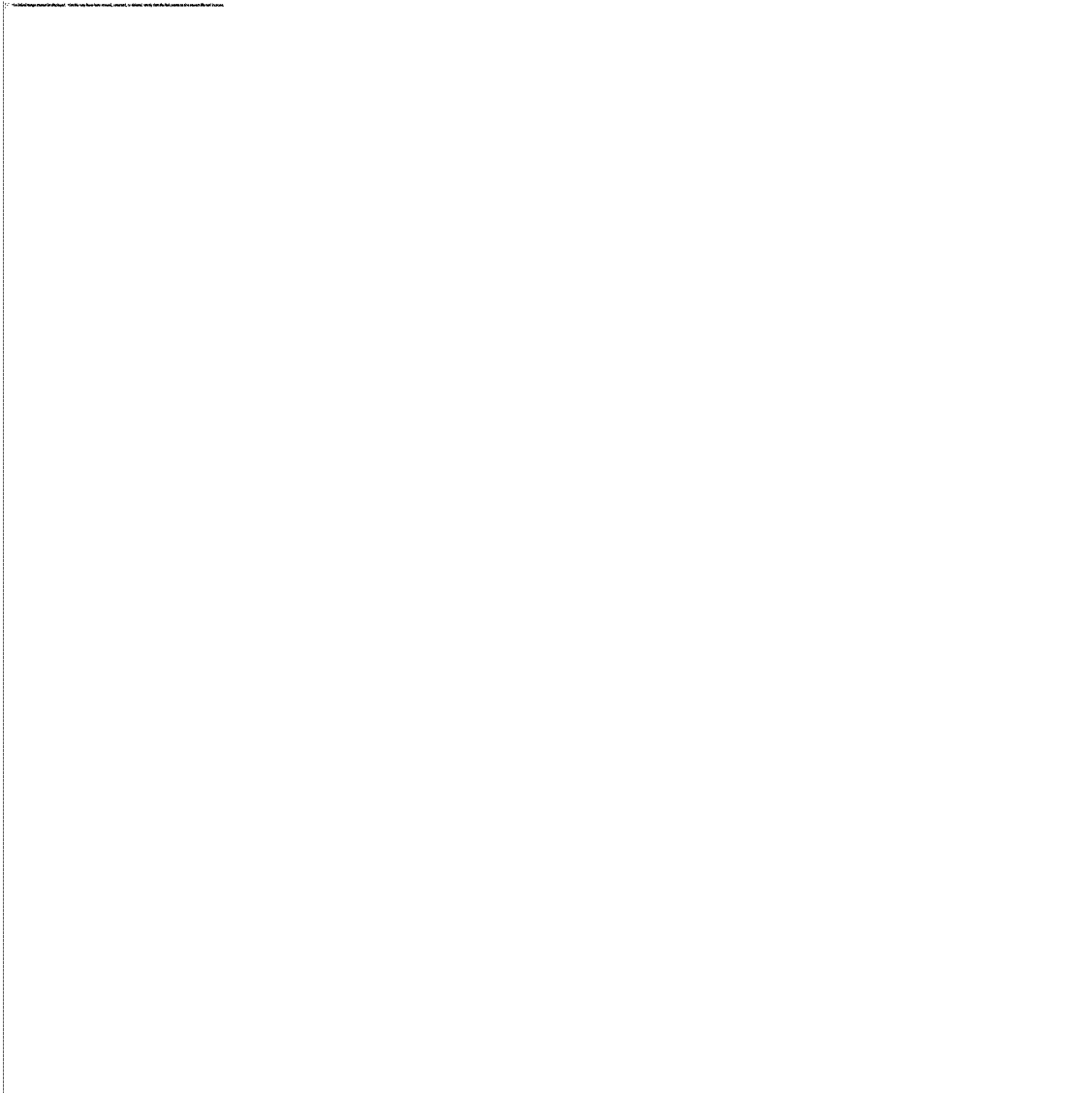


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2016 was a great year for Land Veritas Mitigation Banks and for the development

community it serves! With the final approval of Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank in Leona Valley, and further credit releases in Soquel Canyon Mitigation Bank, the mitigation options for landowners in southern California have grown exponentially. Now project owners can put pen to check and meet their mitigation obligations with supreme ease.

In March, Land Veritas announced Soquel Canyon's second credit release, providing mitigation options in riparian, wetlands, oak & walnut woodland, and coastal sage scrub habitats (to name a few) for L.A., Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties. March also saw Land Veritas owner, Tracy Brownfield, and VCS President, Julie Beeman, participating in a panel discussion on mitigation banking with David Lawhead of the California Department of Fish & Wildlife and Richard Van Sant of the US Army Corps of Engineers at the Annual Conference of the Association of Environmental Professionals (AEP), held this year in San Diego.

In May, the Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank was approved, marking the culmination of a five+-year cooperative effort by Land Veritas and the regulatory agencies to conserve and restore over 4,200 acres of prime open space, agricultural lands and habitat in Leona Valley. Petersen Ranch is now the largest mitigation bank in California and the first in L.A. County, and features wetland and riparian habitats, desert wash, alluvial floodplain, oak & juniper woodlands, native grasslands, mixed chaparral and scrub communities.

Numerous site tours of Petersen Ranch and Soquel Canyon were conducted in 2016 for regulators, public sector staff, consultants, mitigation clients, and one intrepid group from L.A. Chapter of APA, which braved the July heat for a tour. They even brought lunch for everyone!

October saw the Grand Opening Celebration at Petersen Ranch. Over 120 guests enjoyed a barbecue lunch, toured one of the restoration sites, examined informative displays on the history of Petersen Ranch and interpretive maps of the restoration sites, and even got to take home their own native plant, a seep monkeyflower (*Mimulus guttatus*). Speakers and VIP's included two state congressmen - Tom Lackey, 36th Assembly District Palmdale, and Scott Wilk, 38th Assembly District Santa Clarita; Kathryn Barger, now the Supervisor of L.A. County's 5th District; David Castanon, Chief of the US Army Corps of Engineers' LA District Regulatory Division; Ed Pert, South Coast Regional Manager of the California Department of Fish and

Wildlife; and Dr. Amy Home, Board Chair of the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board.

As we settle into 2017, we look forward to serving you. To inquire about mitigation credits or to schedule a tour of the Petersen Ranch or Soquel Canyon Mitigation banks, please call our Bank Manager at (877) 445-8699 or email bankmanager@landveritas.com



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